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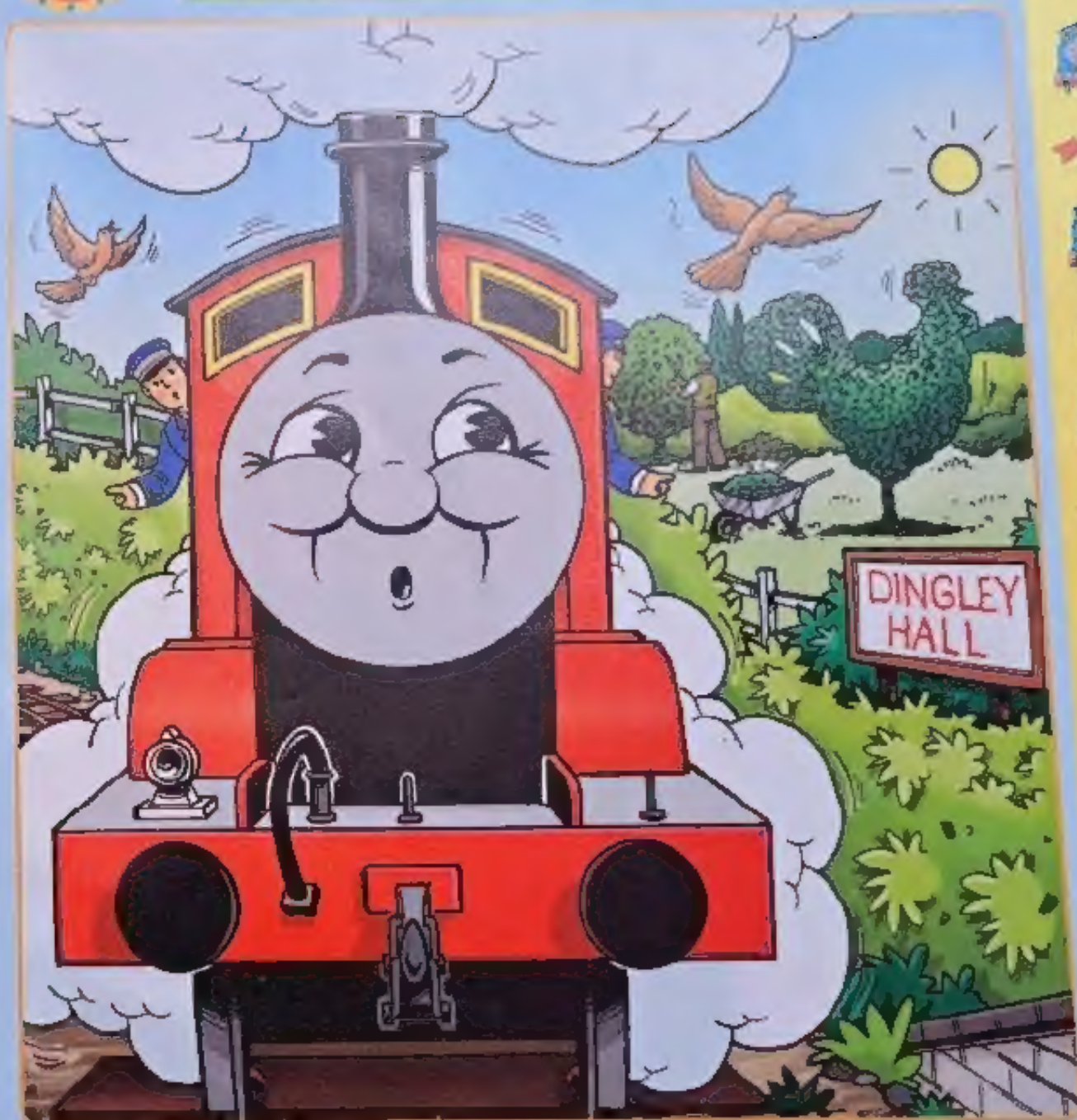
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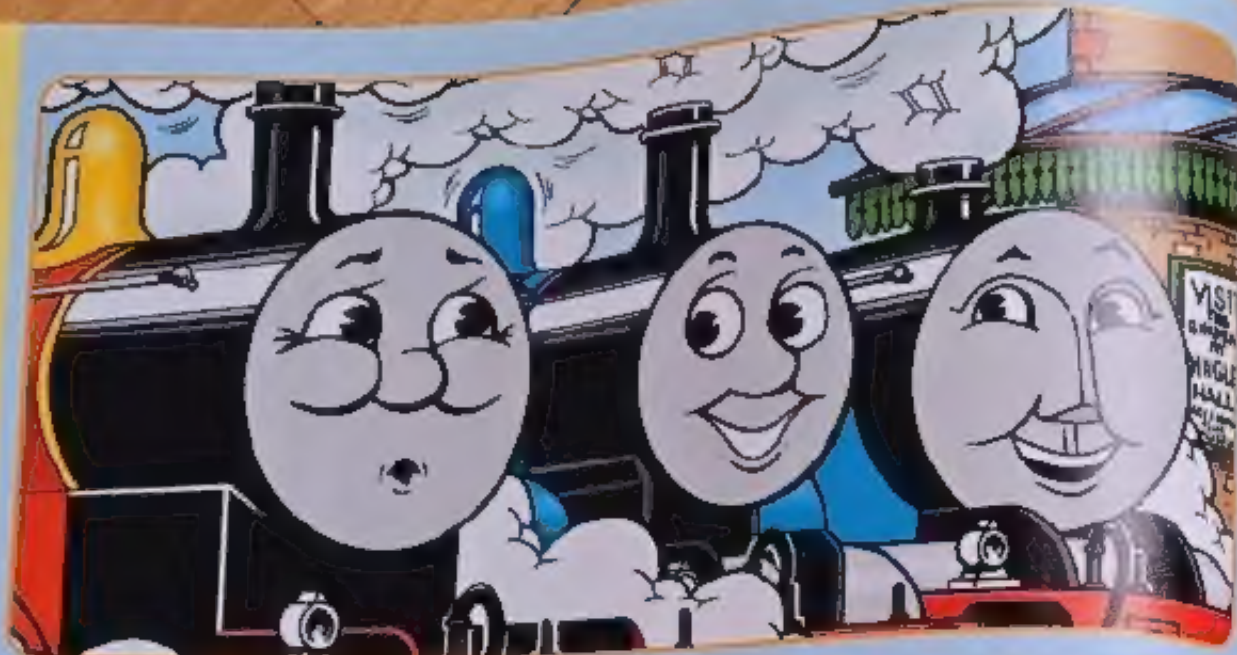


Giant Animals



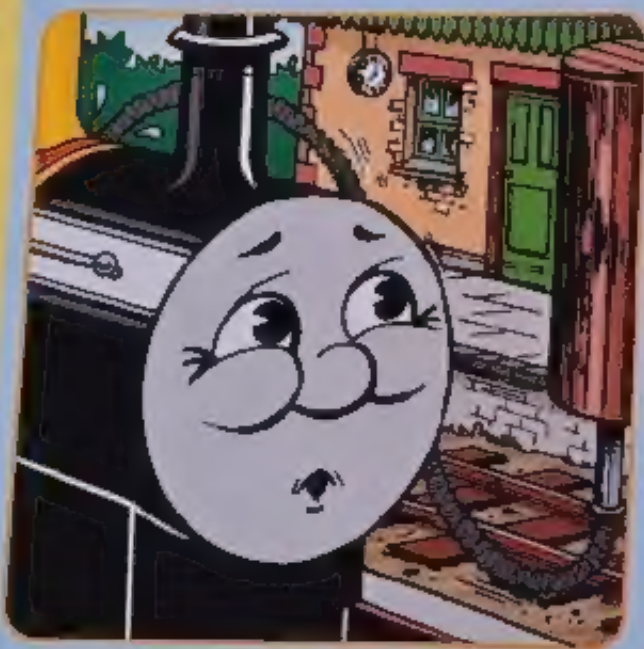
1. James was passing a country house when his driver cried, "Look at that, James!" James looked sideways and jumped, "A giant chicken, where's that come from!"

2. "I'd better tell the others, you never know what a giant chicken might do!" he worried. "There's nothing to worry about!" said his driver, but James wouldn't listen.



3. At the station, James warned the others, "Be careful, I saw a giant chicken this morning, it put me off my work!" Thomas said, "You're seeing things, James!"

4. "What colour was this giant chicken, James?" snorted Gordon. "I'll look out for it!" "It was green and it was giant, and I'm not going mad!" huffed James.



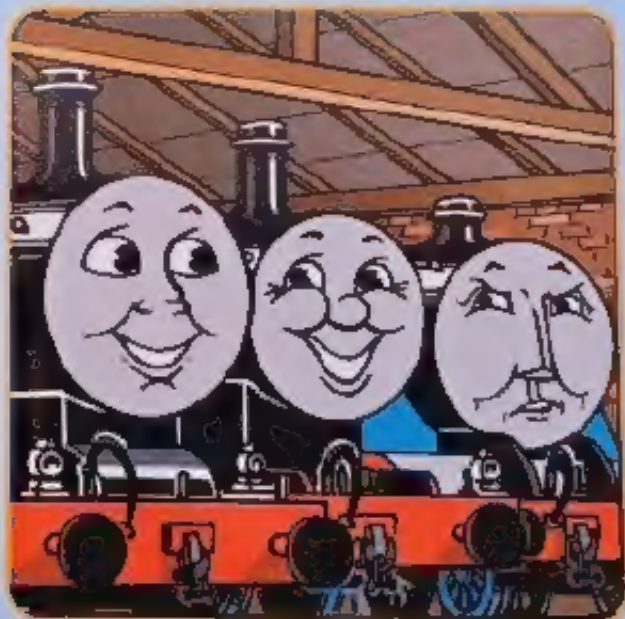
5. James was due to go out again but he slipped off to the yard and tried to look busy. "I need water and I need to be too late to take the next train!" he muttered.

6. "Edward, you take James' train or it'll be late!" ordered The Fat Controller. "You won't hear me complaining about giant chickens!" grinned Edward.

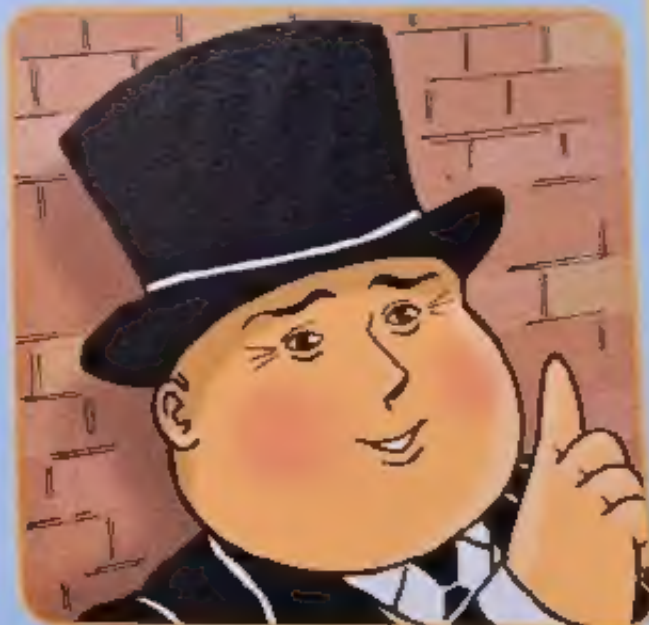


7. "I can do anything James can do, except tell tall stories!" peeped Edward. He reached the country house and blinked in amazement, "A giant chicken!"

8. "It'll take more than that to worry a sensible engine like me!" Then he had a second shock, "A duck too, a giant green duck, James isn't going mad!"



9. Edward returned to the shed, "You're right, James," he said, "I saw your chicken, and a duck as well!" Gordon scoffed, "You're both losing your bearings!"



10. Next day, James and Edward complained of boiler ache. "Gordon you'll have to go, but steady now, you're stopping at all stations," said The Fat Controller.





11. "This is some kind of trick to get me to pull a slow train! If I see those silly green monsters I'll give them a good peep!" grumbled Gordon as he came to the house.

12. Suddenly, Gordon saw the chicken and the duck. He puffed, "P...P... I've lost my whistle!" His driver chuckled, "But you've gained the hiccups, Gordon!"



13. Gordon stammered, "I... I even s...s...saw a g...giant r...r...rabbit!" A gardener on the platform laughed, "I'm making the hedges more interesting!"

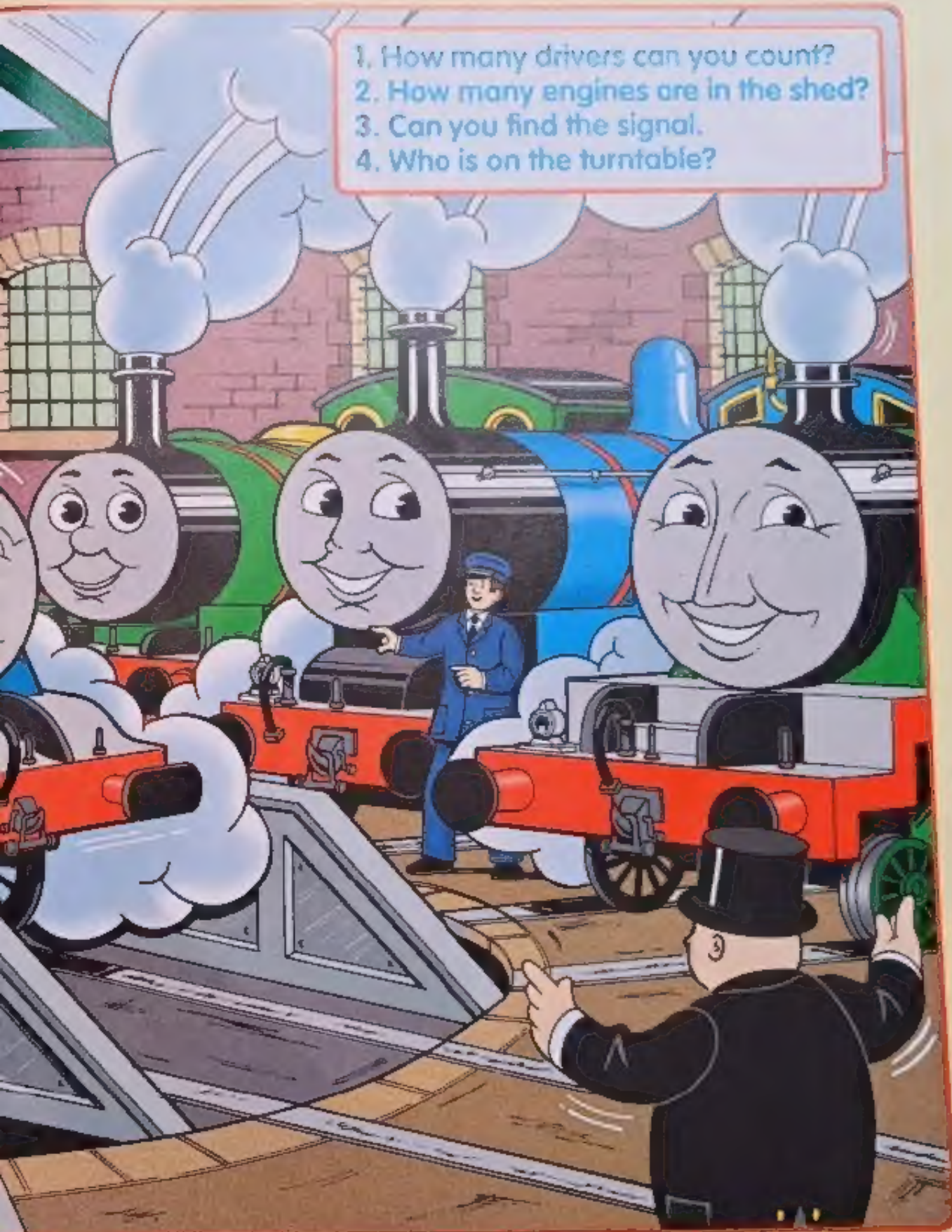
14. Gordon's driver smiled, "they're certainly more interesting, aren't they, Gordon?" Gordon smiled too, "Could you do an elephant? We'll send Thomas here tomorrow!"

Look and See!

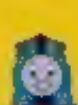


The Fat Controller has come to the shed to talk to the engines one morning.

1. How many drivers can you count?
2. How many engines are in the shed?
3. Can you find the signal.
4. Who is on the turntable?



Answers: 1. four 2. four 3. behind Gordon 4. Gordon





The Treasure Hunt!

Trace over the words below. Then read the story, when you see a picture say the word!

The words made into pictures are...



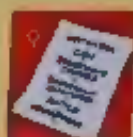
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The Fat Controller



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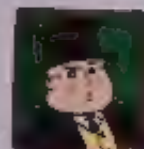
and threw it crossly into a



. It gave him an idea, "I know, I'll hold a treasure hunt

tomorrow, that'll tidy the place up!" he said to himself.

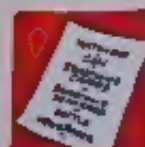
The next day, lots of children came with their parents.



handed them each a



, a pair of rubber gloves and a



He explained, "The first child to bring back everything on this list wins!"

"This is easy, look I've

found the



already!" cried one little

boy. "Look, there's a



tool"

"What else do we
need?" asked the boy



"Something chipped' and 'something scratched'" his mummy replied

They went for a drink in the station café and found a chipped



"Look,



has a big scratch on his tank!" exclaimed the

boy The little boy was very excited "I've found everything!" he

exclaimed The 'something scratched' is



, but he won't fit in my



!" The boy looked at



"Where's the treasure? All we

have here is a



of rubbish!"



grinned, "Well done, now

put it in the



You've won a free bag of chocolate



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the kiosk, but don't forget to throw the wrappers in the

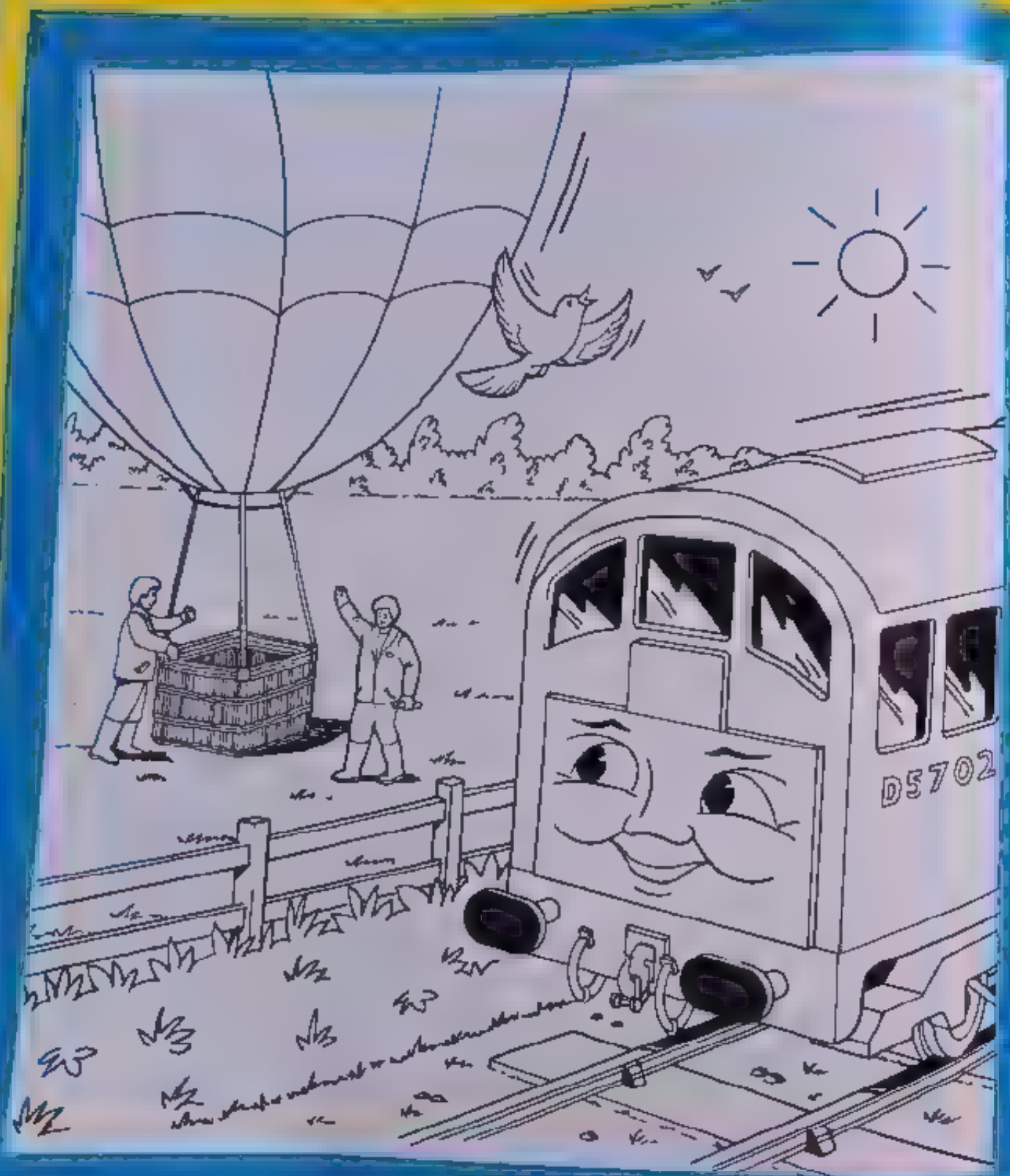


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Colouring Fun

Use your crayons to colour this splendid picture of BoCo!



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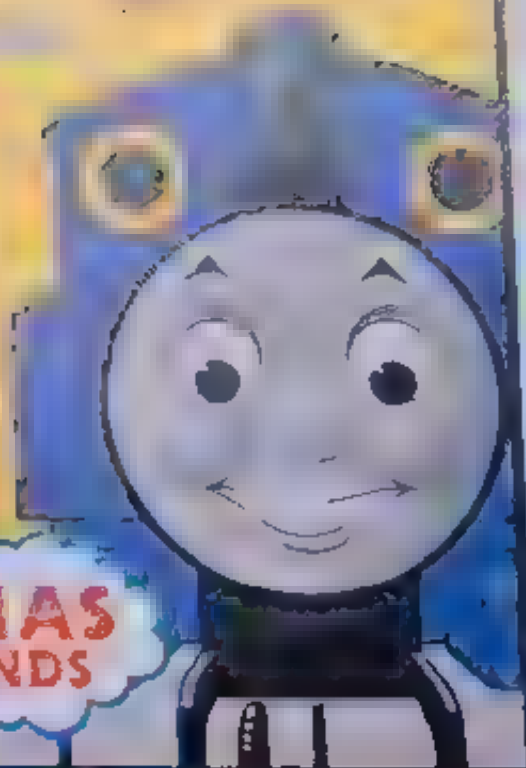
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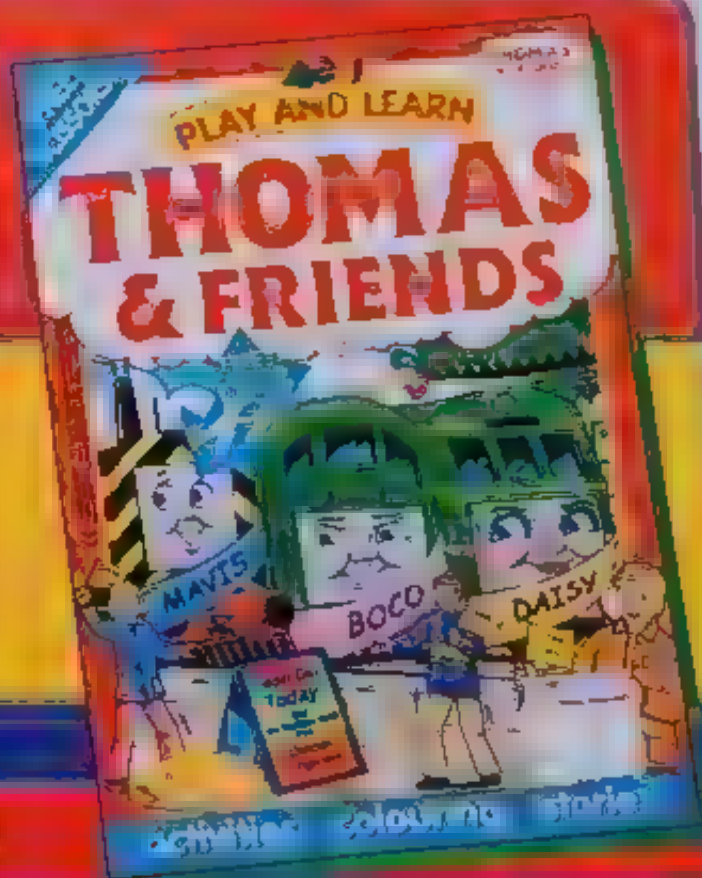
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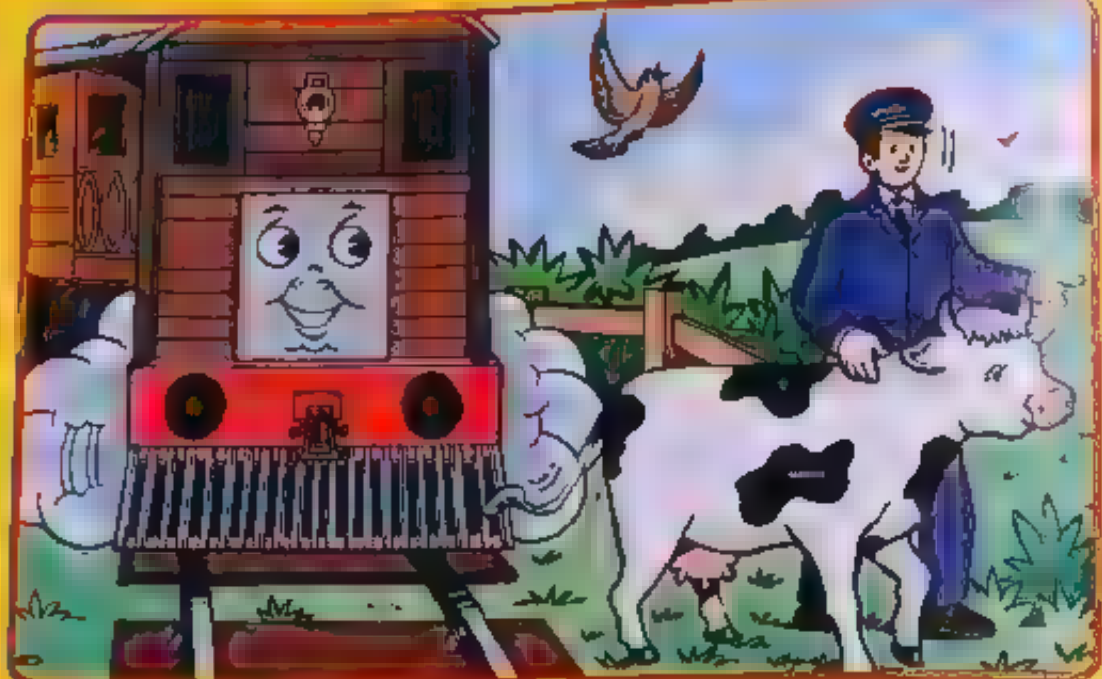
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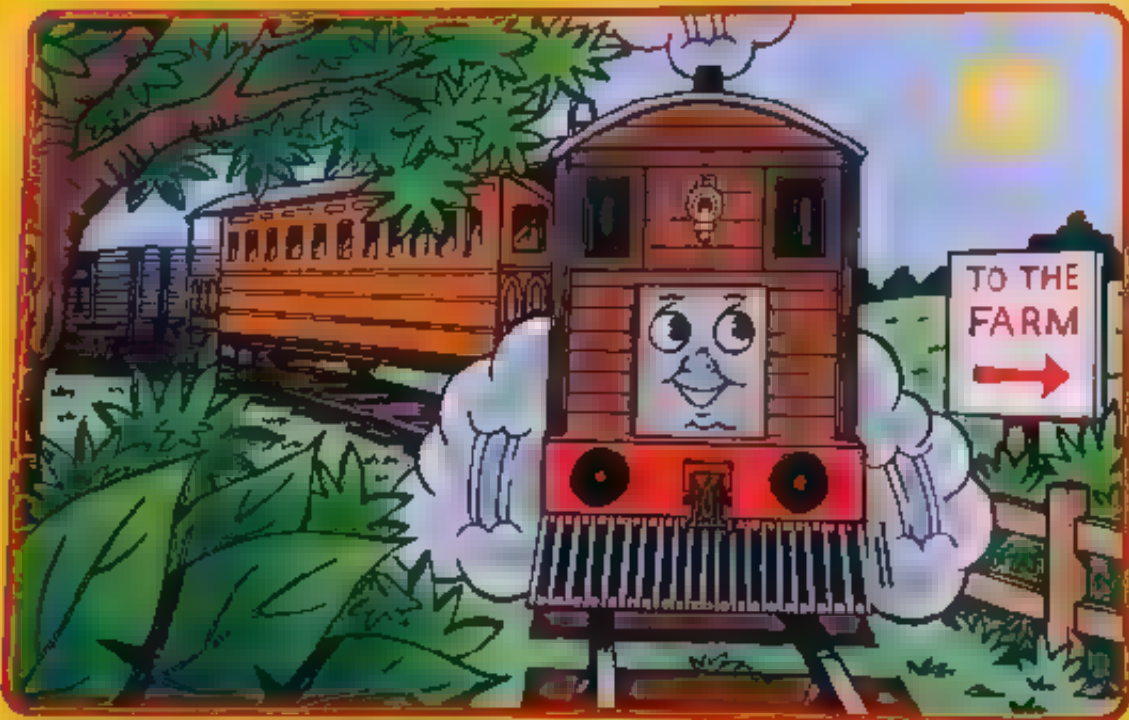
Story puzzle

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Toby's driver moves her out of the way

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Toby and Henrietta are taking some trucks to the farm

The right order is

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ANSWER: 3,4,1,2

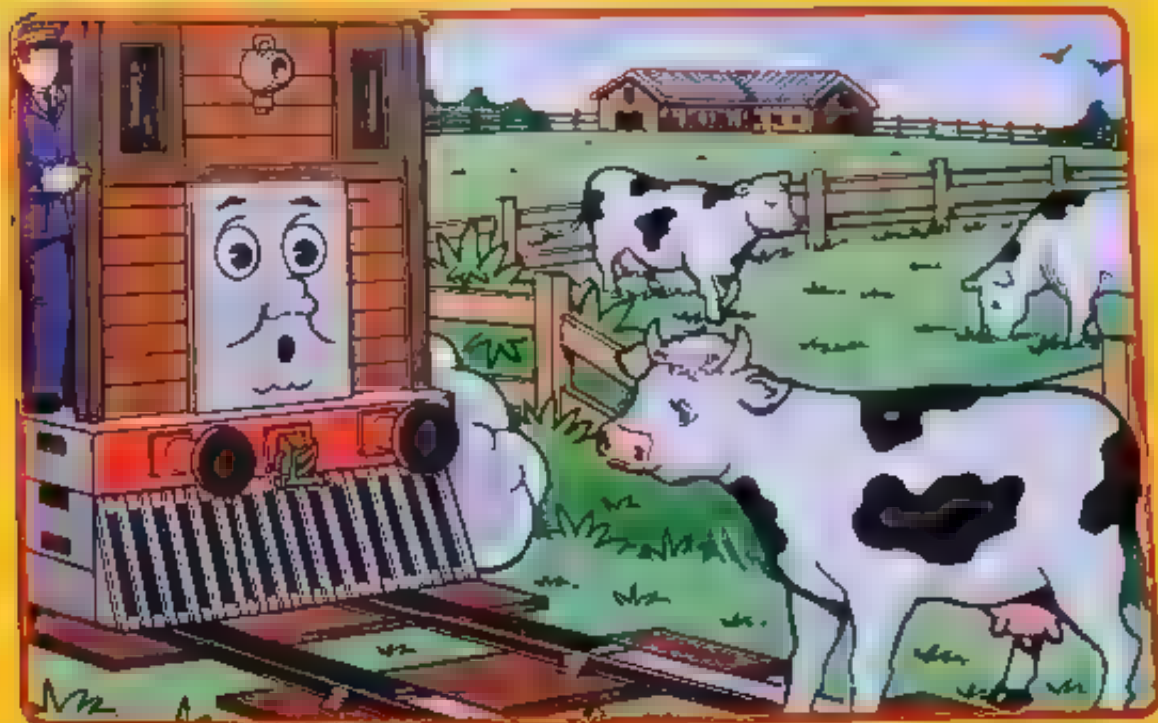
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The farmer's happy to see them!

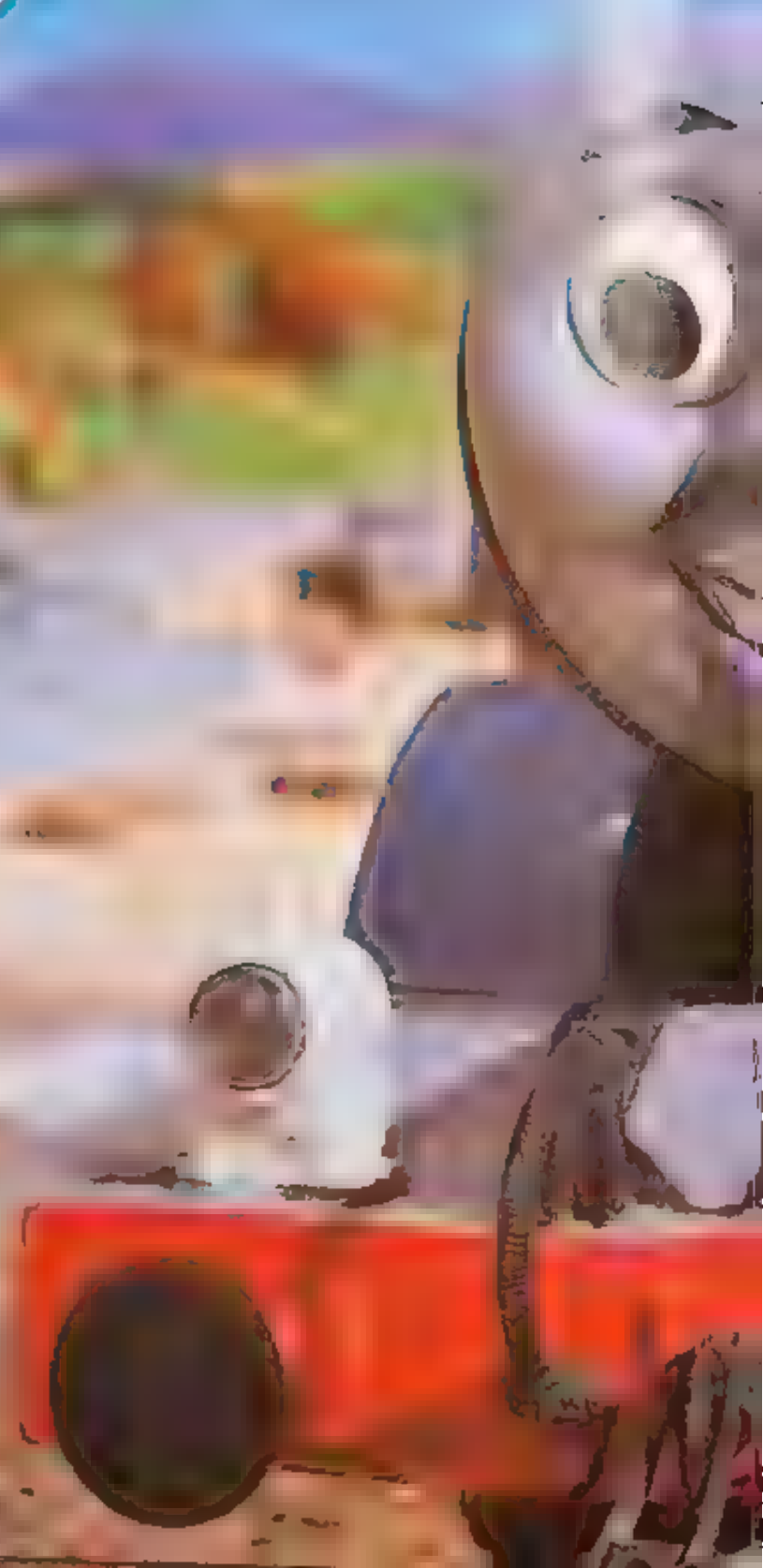
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There's a cow on the line!

What noise does a cow make?

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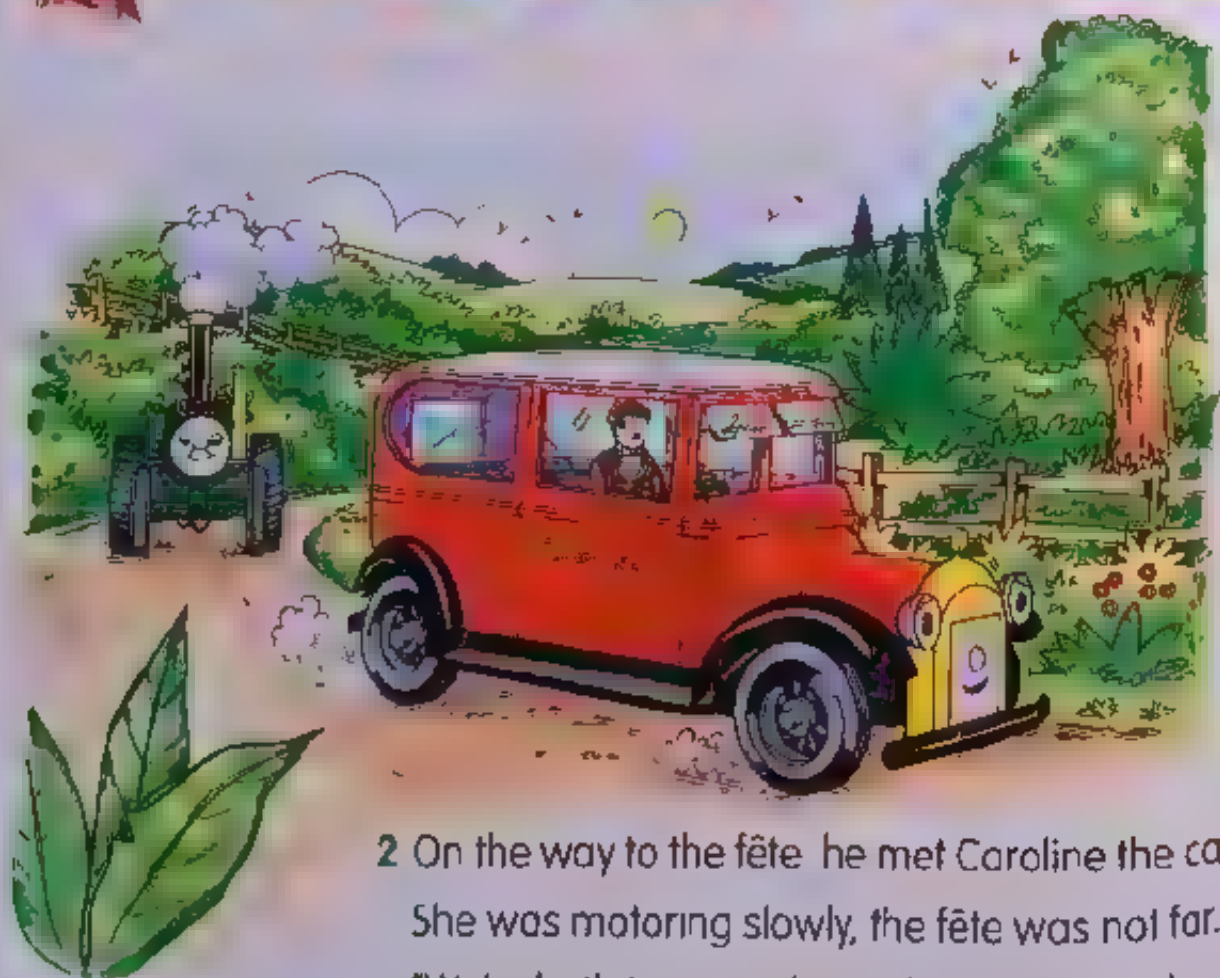
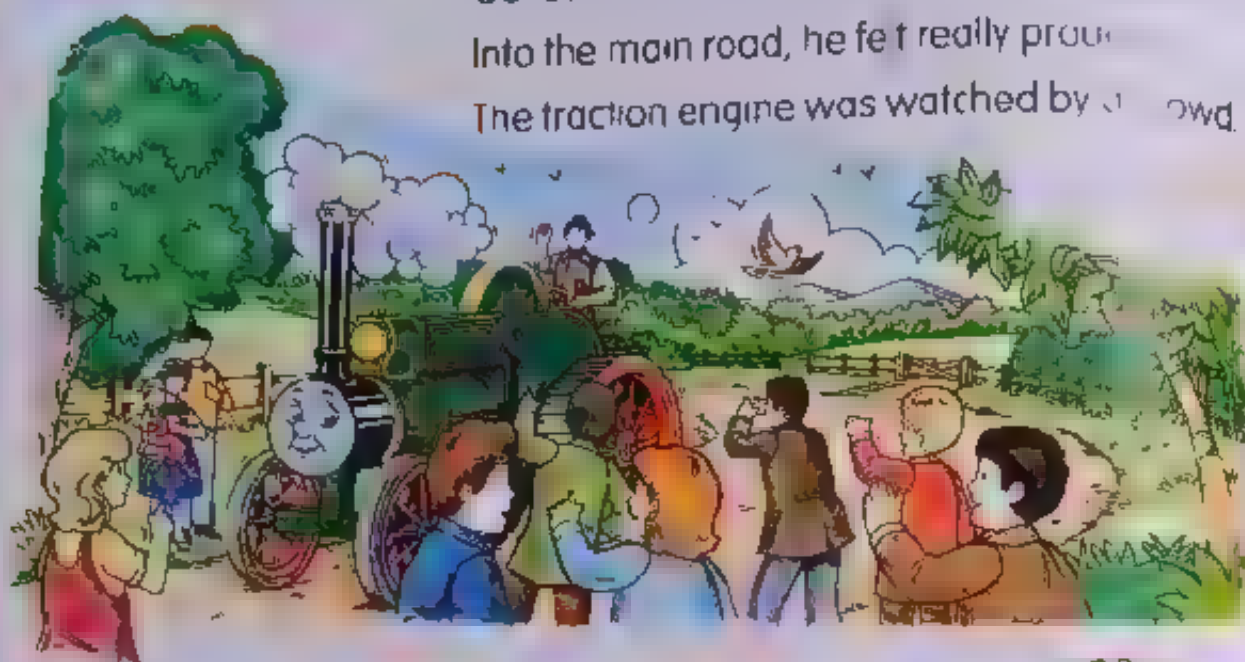






Trusty Trevor!

1 Trevor set off to take part in a fête
Out of the orchard and through a big
Into the main road, he felt really proud
The traction engine was watched by a crowd



2 On the way to the fête he met Caroline the car
She was motoring slowly, the fête was not far.
"We're both to give rides to the children today."
Called Caroline brightly, leading the way

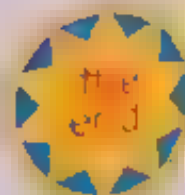
3 But just a
Caroline
She could,
Poor Car



4 "It's useless," cried Caroline "I can't give a ride."
But thoughtful old Trevor rolled up to her side
"Trust me," he smiled "You must not lose hope!"
His driver Jem Cole quickly fetched a stout rope



5 It was tied onto Caroline and strong Trevor too,
 The large traction engine knew just what to do
 "I'll pull you," he laughed "We'll give rides together
 I'm very strong, so you feel light as a feather"



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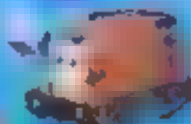
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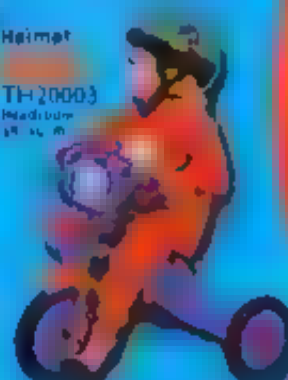
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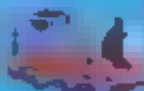
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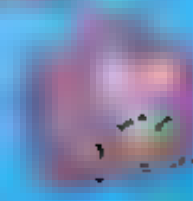
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A day in the



James is very proud of his brass dome and red coat. He tells anyone who will listen that he really is a Splendid Engine! James is a special Mixed-Traffic engine. He can shunt trucks as well as pull coaches. "Peep peep, Trevor!" says James as he steams past the old Traction Engine. "Look at me! Look at me!" says James. The red engine feels Really Important whenever he pulls the Big Express.

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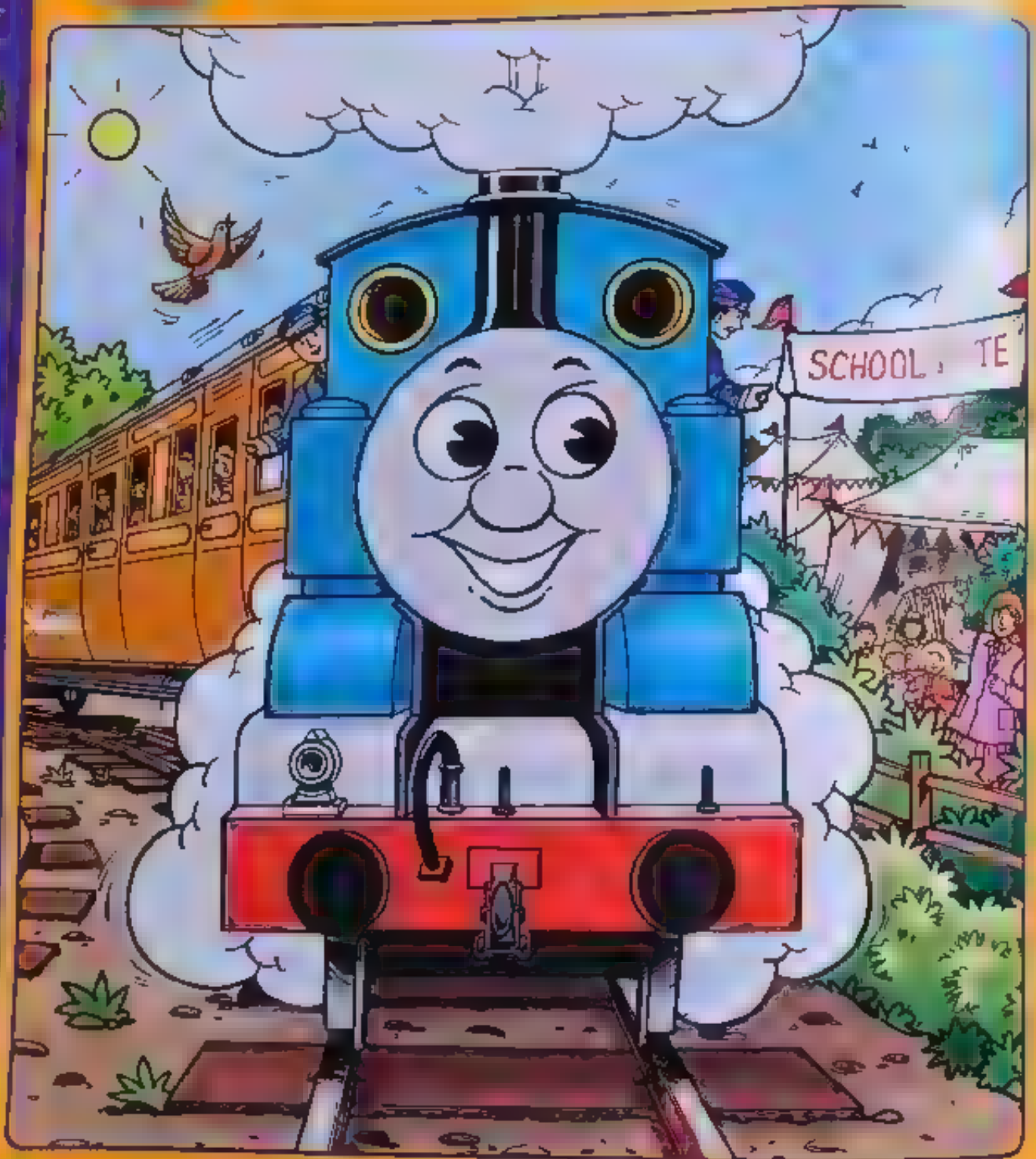
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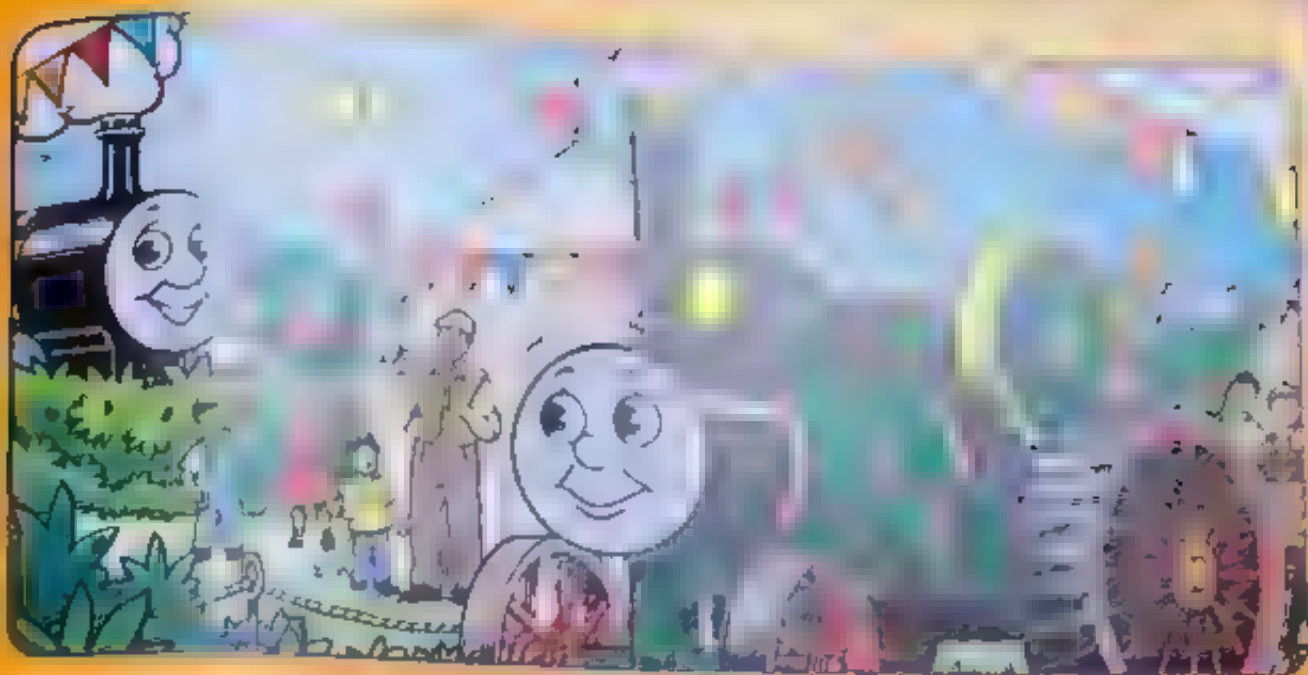


Hoop-la Thomas!



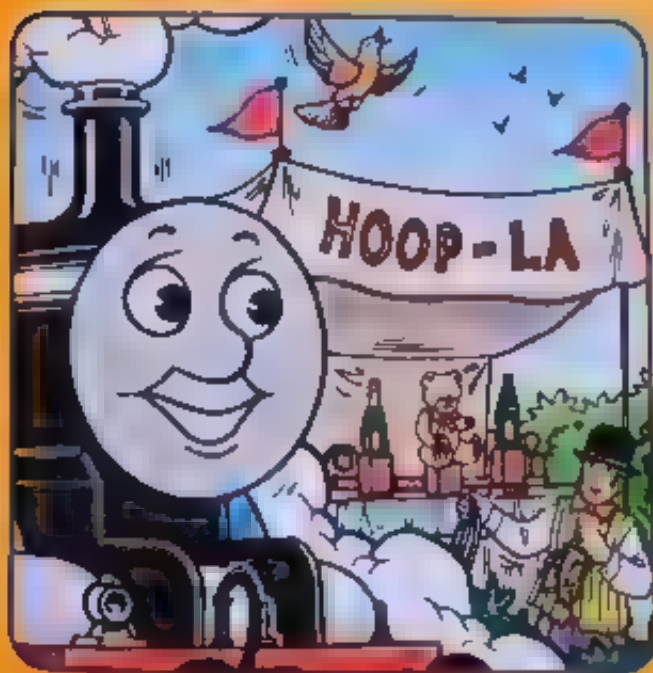
1. Thomas' faithful carriages, Annie and Clarabel, were bulging to their buffers with excited children and parents as Thomas took them to Wellsworth Station

2 His passengers were going to the school fête, nearby When he finally arrived, Thomas whistled loudly The head teacher and her staff waved from the playground

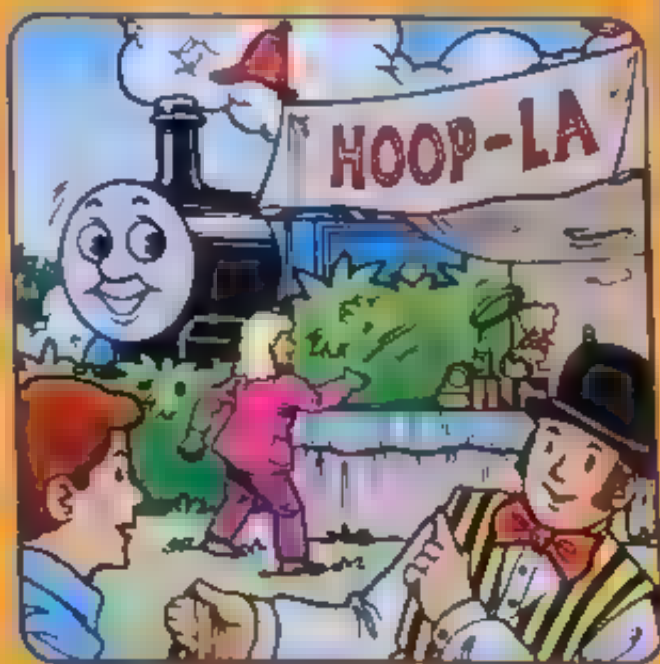


3 Balloons and flags were strung all over the school gates. All sorts of stalls had been set up, from a coconut shy to a lucky dip. The head teacher welcomed everyone.

4 Trevor the Traction Engine was giving rides too. "Good! Hello Thomas," he chuffed. "Come and join in the fun!" "I'd like to. But I'm busy," Thomas replied.



5. While he waited for his guard to blow the whistle, Thomas took another look at the stalls. One was run by a man in a bowler hat, bow-tie and striped waistcoat.



6. "Roll-up now for the hoop-la, folks!" he shouted. Some children paid him a few pennies and were given small wooden hoops to throw at lots of prizes on the stall.

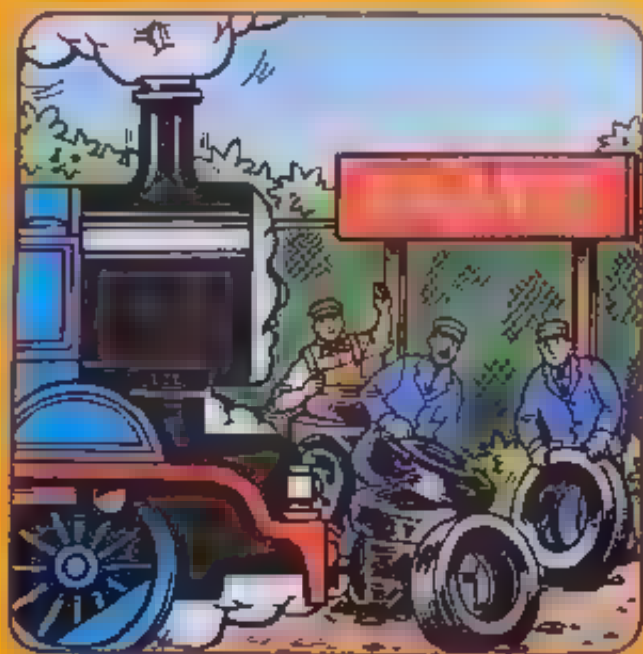


7. One hoop landed over a battery clock. "Hurray! Someone's won a prize!" laughed Thomas' driver "Very clever!" puffed Thomas "That looked really difficult"

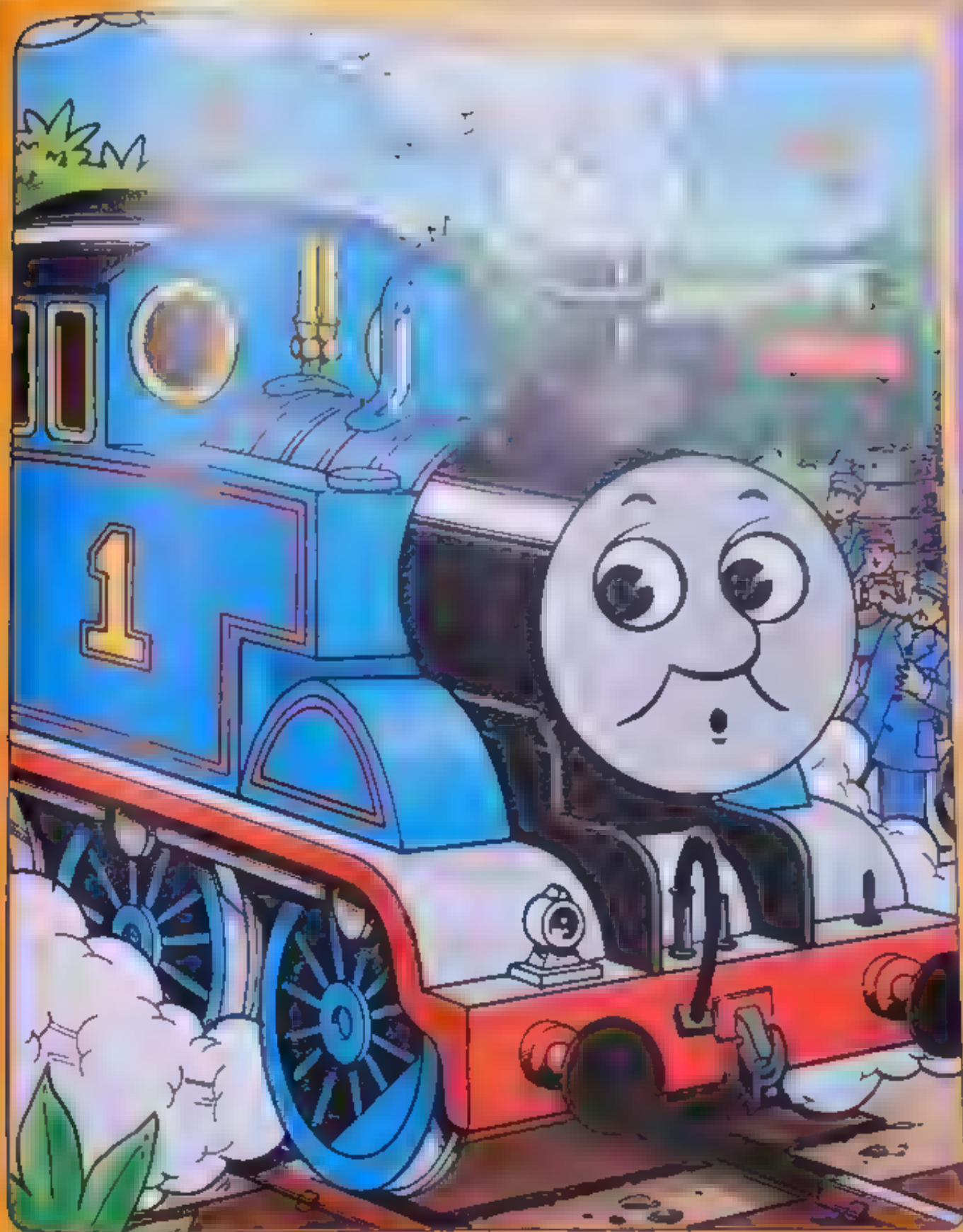
8. "You just need a steady hand and a good aim to throw the hoop accurately," the driver went on "I bet I could do it!" "Ha! I'd like to see you!" teased Thomas



9. Next morning, Thomas took an empty truck to fetch some old, unwanted car tyres from a garage. He stood waiting patiently in the siding while they were loaded up



10 But it was taking longer than expected. "I'll be late," huffed Thomas. So his fireman and driver offered to help the garage owner. The driver picked up a big tyre



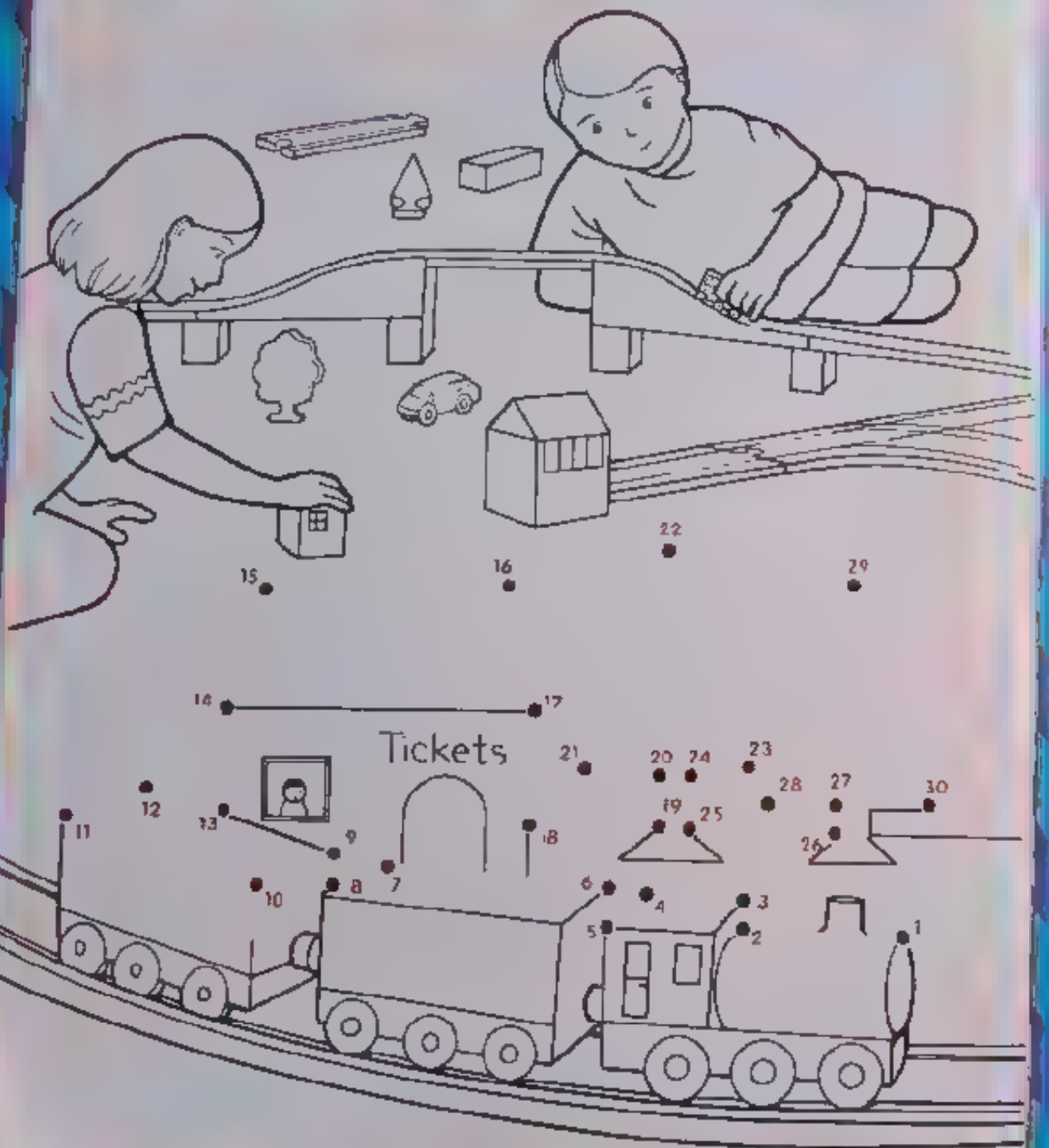
11. He threw it high into the air. The tyre whizzed towards Thomas and dropped right over his funnel. "Good shot!" cried Thomas. "Roll up for the hoop-la engine!"

12. "You were right," Thomas told his driver who collected the tyre. "You would have won a prize, after all!" "Wrong, Thomas!" he laughed. "I was aiming for your truck!"

The End

Dot to Dot!

Join the dots to complete this picture!



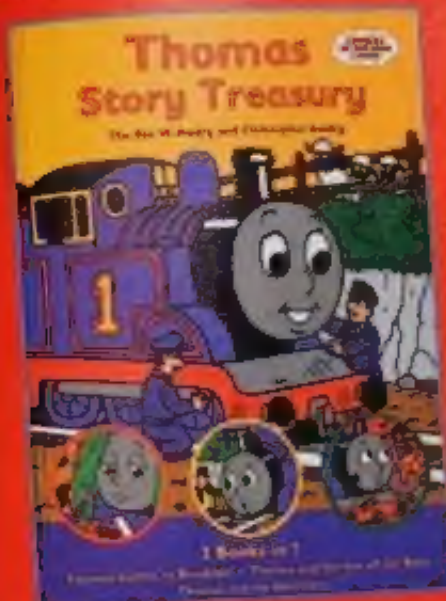
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aged 6.



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